

DADAR SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

(FOUNDED 1900)

160, DADAR MAIN ROAD, BOMBAY 14.

(Registered under Act XXI of 1860 & Bombay Public Trusts Act XXIX of 1950)

Management: BLIND RELIEF ASSOCIATION



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REPORT

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AN APPEAL

Perhaps the chief element which contributes to the joyousness to life is giving; every one ought to try to bring happiness to others.

Poverty is a handicap in life; coupled with tender, immature age, it is a curse; further accompanied with a great disability like blindness, it is a catastrophe.

All these disadvantages have been the miserable lot of the blind children whom the Dadar School for the Blind supports. We lodge them, feed them, teach them and make them self-supporting, all without any charge to the inmate.

We have a permanent FUND FOR FEEDING BLIND CHILDREN.

A donation of Rs. 500 to the Managing Committee will insure a feeding of the children for one day in the year, forever to commemorate an occasion.

WILL YOU HELP THE CAUSE ?

To
The Honorary Secretaries,
Dadar School for the Blind,
Dadar, Bombay 14.

Sirs,

I am in full sympathy with the aims and ideals of your School and I wish to enrol myself as a "Friend of the School."

Enclosed please find Rupees only, being my annual/monthly subscription for the year/month of 19.....

Yours faithfully,

Name.....

Address.....

DONATION FORM

To 19
The Honorary Secretaries,
Dadar School for the Blind,
Dadar, Bombay 14.

Sirs,

Enclosed please find my donation of Rupees
..... to help the Blind learn to help
themselves.

Yours faithfully,

Name.....

Address.....

N.B.

Donors are requested to send in their donations direct to the School and not to pay the same to any unauthorised person.

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DADAR SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

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ANNUAL REPORT 1952-1953

The Managing Committee of the Dadar School for the Blind have pleasure in presenting the Report for the year ended 31st March 1953.

On April 1, 1948, the Blind Relief Association took over the management of the Dadar School for the Blind from the American Marathi Mission. On that day, the school had 21 boys and 13 girls on the roll. On 31st March, 1953, it had 25 girls and 18 boys on the roll. The objective therefore is to develop this school progressively into a Girls' School up to Vernacular Final Standard, in which boys will be trained up to Kindergarten Standard only. During the year under report, 5 boys above the age of 14 were transferred to sister institutions with this end in view.

The School imparts a 4-dimensional education to its children, viz., academic, physical, social and vocational. Its aim is to make the children self-supporting and self-respecting citizens, and help them take, as contributive members, their rightful place in society.

Academic Education: The school still continues to teach its students with the help of text-books written in Oriental Braille. We are anxious to introduce the Bharatiya Braille in the school, but the Government of India has not yet finalised the same. Further, the Central Braille Press will take some time to function properly and to produce suitable literature for the blind of the whole country. The shortage of Braille books remains still a problem.

In spite of the recommendations of the Education Department of the State Government, we have not yet been able to buy the requisite quantity of teaching aids for the school for lack of funds. Nor have we been able, for the same reason, to engage the services of a qualified sighted teacher to improve the tone of education.

Physical Education: The inmates of the school are interested in physical education and are making use of the gymnasium provided for the purpose. The P. T. equipments are old and worn-out and need to be repaired or replaced without delay. The estimated expenditure for renovating the gymnasium is expected to be Rs. 5000/-. This part of education has suffered for want of funds. It needs no emphasis to state that the blind children are in greater need of physical education than the sighted.

Social Education: Social education is very important for the blind children in building their character and personality. It roots out certain mannerisms which are common in them. Individual attention is paid in this regard and occasional talks by distinguished visitors are also arranged to develop social-mindedness in the children.

Vocational Education: We teach our students cane-work, sisal and banana fibre work, knitting, sewing, bead-work, etc. So far, cane-work was our mainstay. The progressive transfer of our boys above the age of 14 to sister institutions, has deprived the school of most of its best cane-workers. Efforts are however being made to teach the students vocational work suitable to their ages. And as regards sisal or ambari work, we find that there is practically no market for the articles made in the school.

We are very grateful to Smt. Kamala Nimbkar, Director, Occupational Therapy Training School at the K.E.M. Hospital, Parel, Bombay, who is sending her students regularly to our school to teach crafts, such as making of rugs, string-bags, tea-cosies and varieties of paper-work. The training imparted by her students has helped our girls immensely, specially in making proper and quick use of their fingers. This education will help our children in eking out their livelihood when they leave the school.

Musical Education: This side of the school is well-developed under the guidance of the Principal, Shri T. K. Ghosal, who is also a musician. The school occupies a unique place in this section and the blind children of the school have won on prior occasions many trophies in open music competitions. The school orchestra is also very popular and much in demand by the generous public. Similarly, the girls' dance group have given demonstrations of their talent on public stages on numerous occasions. The Information Films Division of the Government of India has taken a short film-strip of the dances and garbas of the blind girls and we are glad that the school has, through this film-strip, gained all-India publicity.

Medical Examination and Food: During the period under review, the Hony. Physicians, viz., Dr. Rane, Dr. Banerjee, Dr. Vyas and Dr. Pereira, paid regular visits to the school and examined the inmates. We are thankful to them for their services. We regret to note that Dr. A. V. Makasare, our Honorary Dentist, is no longer among us. We pray that the departed soul may rest in peace.

Food: Special care is taken to give the children a balanced diet under the directive of the Department of Nutrition, Government of Bombay. The Senior Nutritionists paid frequent

visits to the school and were satisfied with the food given to the inmates.

Our Finances: The Education Department of the State Government has given the grant-in-aid of Rs. 16,815/-. The Technical Department of the Government has ceased to give us any grant in view of the above consolidated grant. Similarly, the Allowance for the Maintenance of the Hostel has also been stopped by the Education Department under the same ground. The Chief Inspector of Certified School has given us during the period under review only Rs. 1183/14/- as Maintenance Allowance for the children committed to our care by the different Juvenile Courts. The Greater Bombay Municipal Corporation has continued to give us the voluntary grant of Rs. 2,000/-. The Municipal Aided Schools Committee has also paid us Rs. 450/- as grant for the year. In view of the interest taken by the Municipal Corporation in the welfare of the blind, we appeal to the Corporation to increase the grant to enable the school to run on a secure basis.

The Audited Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended 31st March 1953 shows a credit balance of Rs. 15,255/6/3 to be carried forward to the next financial year. This balance includes the educational grant of Rs. 12,600/- received on 31.3.53. It should be remembered that the whole expenditure for the next year will have to be met from this balance, plus the casual donations received during the year, as the next year's grant-in-aid will be received only about the end of that year. The increased grant by the Government Education Department does not wholly solve the problem of our finance. We therefore look to the generous public for sympathy and support.

Our Grateful Thanks: We acknowledge with thanks our gratitude to all the donors to our school. It is invidious to specify any single donor, but we cannot resist the temptation of mentioning, the donations of Rs. 1,500/- from the American Women's Club; Rs. 1,500/- from Sir Dorabji Tata Trust; Rs. 1,500/- from the Mumbadevi Temple Trust; Rs. 600/- from Sir Ratan Tata Trust; Rs. 500/- from The Tata Mills Limited; Rs. 500/- from the German Trade Commissioner, Mr. Gerd Deyhle; Rs. 500/- from the estates of the late Mr. Bahadurji M. Bahadurji; and others. A complete list of all our donors will be found in the schedule annexed at the end of the report.

Appeal for Funds: The hope expressed in the last report that we would be able to repay the loan of Rs. 6,000/- taken from the Blind Relief Association, has remained unfulfilled. The establishment of a Permanent Endowment Fund is a dire necessity if the school is to some extent made able to stand on

its own legs. Lack of funds continues to be the bane of this school, and we appeal to the charitably-disposed institutions, trusts, social bodies and individuals to grant liberal donations to our school to improve its educational status. We are running a big family of 50 blind children, the majority of whom are girls, and donations in kind in the shape of clothing, food, oil and other articles of daily necessity required for them, will also be gratefully acknowledged.

Other Activities: The Foundation Day of the school which falls on 14th July was observed as usual by the inmates with short items of entertainment programme. Independence Day — 15th August; Gandhiji Jayanti — 2nd October; Republican Day — 26th January; Diwali and Christmas Holidays; and other important events were also observed in the school with due solemnity suited to each occasion. The school will complete its 53rd year of useful existence on the 14th of July 1953. We are very anxious to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of the school, and immediately our programme is finalised, we will undertake the work of the celebrations for the joy and benefit of the children, as also for focussing the attention of the public to the financial and other needs of this school.

The school participated in the Industrial Exhibition held on the Lloyd's Recreation Ground. An exhibition has its beneficial effects in that it is visited by many people who have little knowledge of what a school for the blind is and what its activities are. From this point of view, the school's participation in such exhibitions is always to be encouraged. Blind children who are always restricted in their movements, would love to have such a break in the monotony of their lives.

Building: We have not yet been able to undertake the repairs and renovations of the school building. This is an important item of expenditure, as the building is now 33 years old. Our Honorary Architects, Messrs. Gregson, Batley & King, have estimated that the essential repairs alone will cost us about Rs. 14,000/. A copy of the said estimate has been submitted to the Director of Education with an appeal to the Government for a special grant of Rs. 7,000/- towards the cost of the upkeep of the school building. We fervently hope that the State Government will be pleased to sanction this grant.

In this connection, it may be further noted that the inmates of the school have no special dining-room with the result that the corridor on the ground-floor has to serve this purpose. This at any rate is a very unsatisfactory arrangement, specially during the severe months of monsoon when the corridor becomes fully saturated with rain-water. The girls' section also has no bath-room or w.c. on the ground-floor. These additions

to the existing structure require immediate attention, but the only thing which comes in our way to undertake this work is the lack of funds. In these days of heavy constructional costs, the expenditure on the lower side will come to not less than Rs. 15,000/-. We hope to find a good donor or donors for the purpose.

It is high time that we have a vocational training centre for blind women for not only Greater Bombay but also for the whole State. The open land in the rear is an ideal place for constructing such an industrial centre. In our view, the existence of such a centre will be a focal point enabling us to attract towards it blind women spread over the length and breadth of the Bombay State. The Managing Committee have been trying to implement the scheme and with the help of the generous public and also of the State Government and the Centre, it will succeed in its object.

Scheme of Expansion: When we consider the advancement in teaching made in other countries, we find to our regret that there is no Sunshine Home Nursery School for Blind Babies in India. Our school is amply suited to organise such a Home, and we hope to work out such a scheme in the near future.

It is a well-known fact that there are lakhs of partially sighted children of both sexes who are in need of special education. At present, these visually handicapped boys and girls are given the same training as in the case of the fully sighted. The result is that the partially sighted always lag behind in matters of academic education. There is a depressing psychological effect, developing in them an inferiority complex and a spirit of frustration. We therefore wish to expand the activities of the school by opening separate day-classes for them, to begin with, up to primary education, gradually expanding it to S.S.C. Examination Standard.

Another idea is to expand the present literary side. We have been teaching our students up to Marathi Vth Standard only. We however intend to add two more standards to it, viz., Standards VI and VII, so that our children, if they so desire may successfully appear at the Vernacular Final Examination, enabling them thus to be qualified for teaching.

Visitors: An event of note was the visit of the distinguished visitor, Sir Clutha Mackenzie with his daughter to our school. The honoured guest who, as we know, is himself blind, was given a guard of honour by the school boys and girls. After the guard of honour was over, Sir Clutha touched with his hand and spoke to each and every inmate. A short musical programme was arranged for him, which he very much

appreciated. He took great interest in our braille books, arithematic frames and teaching aids. In a short speech, he praised the yeoman's service which the school has been rendering for the welfare of the blind.

There were also official visits of inspection by the Inspectors of the Government Education Department, of the Department of the Chief Inspector of Certified Schools and of the Municipal Aided Schools Committee. The reports on their visits will be found in Appendix A at the end of the report. Members of the Managing Committee and also of the public have often paid surprise visits to the school.

Important Events: An event of note during the year under report is that the Principal, Shri T. K. Ghosal, was awarded a Social Welfare Fellowship by the United Nations under the recommendations of the Government of India to study blind welfare work in the European Continent, more particularly in France. We express our deep gratitude to the Government of India for their becoming the sponsoring body in this case, and to the United Nations for giving our Principal an opportunity to visit abroad many institutions for the blind for observation study. The experience he gained in the education, re-education, re-settlement and rehabilitation of the blind, will, we feel sure, be usefully employed by the entire blind community in the country. His reports on the study tour have already been forwarded to the United Nations Organisation, which in their turn will be redirected to the Government of India—Ministry of Education.

During the absence of our Principal from the school from 23.9.52 to 27.3.53, the administrative work and the general management of the school might have suffered a set-back but for the fact that Shri R. M. Alpaiwala, Father of the Blind Children in the Greater Bombay region, voluntarily looked after the school by paying it regular visits. We are sincerely grateful to him for rendering this selfless service in spite of his many preoccupations.

Shri Devadana Devji, a past student of this school, who passed his B.A. Examination at the University of Bombay, was employed by us in our teaching staff. Hardly had he put in 5 months of services, when he got an appointment as teacher at the School and Home for the Blind, Adarsh Nagar, Ajmer, owing to his academic qualifications. We wish him a useful career in the Cause of the Blind.

STATISTICAL REPORT

		Boys	Girls	Total
Total on the Roll on 31-3-1953	..	18	25	43
Total on the Roll on 1-4-1952	..	18	19	37

CURRICULUM

The School imparts a 4-dimensional education to its children, viz., academic, physical, vocational and social.

Academic Education: All pupils receive literary education through all the primary standards, Marathi being the medium of instruction and Hindi, the second language. In special cases, education is extended through the high school, and even higher still. Besides the three R's which are the fundamentals, great emphasis is given to object lesson, nature study, domestic science for girls and gardening for boys, modelling, paper-cutting, etc. Training is given to develop the sensory organs, particularly the faculty of hearing, and the sense of orientation.

Physical Education: Great importance is attached to this aspect in the education of the blind, as they are normally slow in movement and sedentary in habit. The vitality of an average blind person is supposed to be 25% less than an average seeing person. It is therefore essential that his body should be well-nourished and well-exercised. The School has a covered gymnasium and the children enjoy their regular callisthenics, drills, scouting and guiding activities and plays of national games.

Vocational Education: This comprises wool-knitting, sisal and banana fibre work, cane work, bead work and elementary sewing. With the introduction of occupational therapy, it also comprises making of rugs, different cosies, string-bags, paper-flowers, etc. The Managing Committee are considering the possibility of introducing one or two other industries which, apart from being manipulative, will also be paying in the long run.

Musical Education is both vocal and instrumental. The School has now quite an assortment and number of musical instruments and can boast of an orchestral party composed entirely of little children, all below 12. Music is the Light of the Blind, as it not only gives recreation but also occupation. The Indian monodic music is well-suited to the blind and hence, has a great potentiality.

Social Education: This is by no means less important in the building of character and personality of blind children. It

has for objective the nipping in the bud of certain mannerisms which, unless got rid of in the early stages of life, become a standing obstacle in the way of free social contact between them and their sighted compeers.

Everybody is encouraged to participate in some degree in household work, an abiding means of fostering self-help and responsibility, and to be independent as far as possible in eating, washing, bed-making, dressing, etc. from the very beginning.

Pupils have also other activities, like, reading clubs, dramatic and other socials, and so on. The aim is to make them self-supporting and self-respecting citizens and to help them take, as contributive members, their rightful place in society.

RULES FOR THE ADMISSION OF PUPILS

1. The School admits blind girls and boys up to the age of ten without distinction of caste, creed or colour. A child who is visually handicapped to such an extent that he cannot read ordinary school books used by a sighted child, and who is, therefore, deprived of a means of getting an education in a sighted school, is to be considered blind and in need of a special education.
2. A child must be free from contagious disease. He must pass a thorough medical examination upon entrance into the school, and must submit a medical certificate prior to admission proving that he or she is free from any contagious disease.
3. Pupils are admitted, usually, any time during the year, though the School year begins in June.
4. Poor and deserving students are admitted free of any charge.
5. Pupils are to spend the long vacations with their parents or guardians.
6. All pupils must be supplied with necessaries of life at the time of admission, and parents must renew outfits when notified by the Principal.
7. Visiting hours for parents or guardians, or friends bearing letters from them, or for visitors:—

Sundays—8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

or on appointment.

APPENDIX A

APPRECIATION BY VISITORS

Report by Smt. Indira Idgunji, Inspector of Certified Schools (Junior), Bombay State, Poona, 12th August 1952.

I paid a visit to the Dadar School for the Blind, Bombay on 23-7-52. Mr. Ghosal, the Superintendent of the Institution, took me round the premises.

Numbers:—There were 36 children—15 boys and 21 girls—in the institution on the day of visit. Of these 1 girl was a day scholar, while the rest were all boarders. There were 7 court-committed children—1 boy and 6 girls—in the institution.

Premises:—The dormitories of the inmates are on the 1st floor. They are on either side of the quarters of the Superintendent. This has proper supervision. They are both spacious and well-ventilated. The building is large and can accommodate 33 boys and 32 girls.

Medical:—The institution is fortunate in securing the honorary services of 4 physicians and one dental surgeon who attend to the medical needs of the children. For hospitalisation, they are sent to the K.E.M., Nair or J.J. Hospitals.

On the day of my visit, a court-committed girl, Hanamawa, was operated upon for her eye-sight. This girl was particularly blind prior to her operation. The Superintendent was therefore very anxious to know the result of the operation.

Education & Occupation:—Education in braille is given on the premises up to Std. V. Music forms the most important item of vocational training. Mrs. Ghosal takes the children for an hour in the morning in voice culture after which Mr. Ghosal attends to their training in vocal and instrumental music.

The children are taught, besides music, cane-work, sisal fibre work, paperbag making and knitting. The authorities are contemplating to start paper-flower making and leather-work.

Register & Files:—The commitment register has been maintained as per the standardised register of this office. Antecedents of every case, even of those admitted as private cases, giving as detailed a history of the family background as possible, are recorded.

None of the cases were reported to be afflicted with hereditary blindness. There was only one case of congenital

blindness. The rest all lost their sight gradually, or through small pox, high fever, etc. I interviewed all the court-committed children. The details are as follows:—

1. Bhau Bansi, absconded from the institution and returned of his own accord. This lad is very good at playing Sitar and would make appreciable progress if he continued at the institution.

2. Kashibai Diba, has passed Std. V. She is now learning cane-work and other occupation.

3. Pakwani Prabhavati Yellappa, has also passed Std. V and is undergoing occupational training.

4. Divali d/o Surdas was reported to be studying in Standard II. She had no special aptitude for any trade or art. This child, however, was reported to be very helpful to others.

5. Hanamava d/o Vardi was in the hospital. This child was reported to be a nice and quiet girl and very helpful to others.

6. Immarti d/o Champalal was reading in Standard I.

7. Rukhmani reading Standard I has a special aptitude for singing. She has a strong fine voice and would develop into a very good solo songstress.

8. Chimnabai Pundalik died in the hospital on 30-6-1952 of some pulmonary trouble.

Staff:—Mr. Ghosal is the Superintendent of the institution. Mrs. Ghosal works as the Honorary Superintendent and assists him in his work.

The residential staff consists of, besides the Superintendents, the following members:—

6 teachers who work full time

1 Cane work teacher employed full time

1 Sisal fibre teacher employed full time

Chandrabhan Shrisunder, age 17, an ex-inmate of the institution has also been taken on the staff as a music assistant.

Part-Time Staff:—2 Music teachers engage the children on 2 days in the week.

General:—The children sleep on iron cots with wooden planks. These present a hard surface, particularly as the

bedding supplied is not heavy. The authorities may try how far "nivar" tape would be suitable substitute. If interlaced closely, it should make a softer bed with a hammock feeling. The planks could be utilised for making shelves or racks, if the experiment of substituting nivar tape proves successful.

After a boy is 14, he is transferred to the Tardeo Boys' School, if by then he has not completed his education and if his background is satisfactory and his behaviour good. Court-committed boys are not admitted into the Tardeo Institution. They are sent to the Happy Home for the Blind at Worli. Boys when they are 16 in the Tardeo School, and 18 in the Happy Home, are transferred to the N.S.D. Home which is meant for the adult section. If the lads make appreciable progress to warrant their absorption in the staff, they are so appointed.

The boys and girls entertained me to vocal and instrumental music. It was quite enlivening. Chandravan appears to have mastered tabla-playing. He is also good at playing violin and flute. One of the bigger girls has a sweet voice which, if developed, holds out hopes of making a fine playback singer of her for screen purposes.

The court-committed children appeared to have settled down to institutional treatment. All the boys and girls looked happy and cheerful.

Report by Shri M. Chowdhry, Assistant Educational Inspector, Bombay Division, Bombay, dated 6th November, 1953 (Date of Inspection).

This special school under the management of the Blind Relief Association, is located in a government premises given to the Association on a nominal rent. The premises is quite extensive and suitable for the purpose. A hostel which could normally provide 65 pupils is managed in the same premises and is supervised by Mrs. Ghosal. At present, there are 39 inmates in the hostel and they are well looked after in matters of food, lodging and sanitary arrangements.

The instruction given in the school is partly academic and partly vocational. Medium of instruction is Marathi and the pupils learn simple braille reading and writing, simple arithmetic and general knowledge, information about history, geography, nature study, hygiene and Hindi: The attainments of the children were fairly satisfactory.

In addition to the academic instruction, the children are taught music and useful crafts, such as, cane-work, jute and

fibre work, paper and cardboard work, knitting and needle-work. Some of the specimens prepared by the pupils were of a fairly good quality. The orchestra of the school gives a good performance and one would feel that these blind children would do well as musicians, if regular, systematic efforts are made.

The staff consists of teachers who are mostly past students of this school. The Principal, Shri Ghosal, was on study tour on the day of inspection. There is one sighted teacher and there is no teacher with any special training. It would be worthwhile to have some more sighted teachers on the staff. Though the school library is having a good many books on the braille system, and problems connected with the blind, still it is hardly of any use to the staff, as there is one sighted teacher and he too is not familiar with the English language. The Principal is the only person who can make use of the library. It is suggested to have some qualified English knowing sighted teachers on the staff.

The main difficulty of the institution is in the paucity of funds. If more money comes forth for this charitable cause, then there is plenty of scope for further improvement.

Report by Smt. P. Khale and Smt. C. P. Kapadia, Inspectresses, Municipal Aided Schools, Bombay, 26th November 1952 (Date of Inspection).

Smt. P. Khale's remarks are as under:—

The school is conducted for blind children coming from different parts of Bombay State. It is one of the few institutions that are doing this type of humanitarian work. Some handicraft is taught here besides regular primary course. But as no proper groundwork is formed previous to the admission of such children, the Principal and the staff find rather difficult to complete the Syllabus laid down for Stds. I to IV, nor are there sufficient suitable articles and aids for doing so. The standard is naturally a bit low in all subjects, except language and Arithmetic, which is fairly up to the mark. Books done in Braille characters are being used here. Most of the articles have worn out. New material is urgently needed. On the whole the children showed a very fair progress in different subjects in which they were tested. It is a pleasure to note that children are taught to play on musical instruments and vocal music too. It is suggested that proper Dearness Allowance should be paid to all."

Smt. C. P. Kapadia's remarks are as under:—

"There are 34 pupils of all castes and creed. The Manager is hard-working and looks after the school very well.

Checked the work of teachers in all classes and found the children showing fairly satisfactory progress. More practice in reading is necessary.

More stress is laid on handiwork like cane and sisal work. Pupils seemed to be enjoying this type of work.

At the end of the day we were entertained by an interesting programme of orchestra."

Paid a visit in connection with some inquiry. Whenever I paid a surprise visit, I found the school working in order, and at the same time, I found the Principal and the Honorary Superintendent Mrs. Ghosal, making plans for the school as well as the boarding. They are always found occupied with the work regarding the school and the plans for the future of the inmates. They deserve due credit for their sincere and diligent work.

9-4-52

P. Khale

Happy are the children who can live in this institution. There is an atmosphere of great and touching love in this home.

Alice Boner
Barbara Levi

We visited the school on Saturday, 24th May 1952, and spent a long time here. We were deeply touched and carried away an impression of great admiration for the selfless endeavours of Mr. and Mrs. Ghosal. We feel that the overall efforts being made for the relief of the helpless blind are out of all comparison with the magnitude of the problem. The most saddening feature is the lack of facilities for employment of the blind after their training.

24-5-52

Gerd Deyhle,
(German) Trade Commissioner.
H. B. Audich,
Director,
Institute of Foreign Languages.

Some of the staff and pupils visited this school for the blind and were struck by the wonderful way in which the blind worked. We were shown the dormitories which were so simple, and airy and very neatly kept. Our thanks to the Lady Principal who so patiently and kindly took us round and made us feel what a grand labour of love is undertaken here over God's afflicted ones.

4-9-52

M. G. A.

F. D. C. C

Mrs. D. De Cruz

The Cannossa High School, Mahim.

Visited this school. We have great pleasure to state that the school is efficiently run for the betterment of the poor blind boys. We wish the school a very prosperous future.

11th October '52

B. G. Kulkerni and S. M. Patil,
Primary Training Collage,
Chalisgaon, E. K.

We, the staff and the students of the Gujarati Hindu Stree Mandal, visited this school for the blind and are much pleased to know that all the blind students are well looked after and taught things in which they take great interest. Their work is very interesting and impressive.

14-11-52

Mrs. Sukrati Hurry,
Gujarati Hindu Stree Mandal,
Girgaum Back Road.

Standard X of St. Anne's School spent 2 very happy hours today.

9-12-52

J. D'Souza.

APPENDIX B

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

WE EXPRESS OUR GRATEFUL THANKS

1. For Books, Magazines, Periodicals, Bulletins, Literature, etc., in Ink Print and Braille.
 - To Volunteer Service for the Blind, Inc., 332 S. 13th Str., Philadelphia, 2, PA., U.S.A.
 - The Perkins Institution, Watertown, Mass., U.S.A.
 - The National Braille Press, Inc., 88 St. Stephens Street, Boston, Mass., U.S.A.
 - Matilda Ziegler Publishing Co. for the Blind, Inc., Monsey, N.Y., U.S.A.
 - American Foundation for the Blind, Inc., New York, N.Y., U.S.A.
 - Miss Earle Croydon, 11 Woodstock Road, Surrey, England.
 - The Braille Institute of America, Inc., Los Angeles, Calif., U.S.A.
 - Mrs. R. Phillips, Institution for the Blind, 1527 Benjamin Street, Saginaw, Michigan, Ohio, U.S.A.
 - The New York Association for the Blind, Inc., New York, N.Y., U.S.A.
 - John Milton Society for the Blind, 156 5th Avenue, New York 10, N.Y., U.S.A.
 - National Society for the Prevention of Blindness, Inc., 1790 Broadway, New York 19, N.Y., U.S.A.
 - The International Lions Club, Clovernook Printing House for the Blind, Mt. Healthy Branch 31, Ohio, U.S.A.
 - Mr. Walter Fentiman, 17 Hurst Avenue, West Worthing, Sussex, U.K.
 - The N. Y. Inst. for the Education of the Blind, 999 Pelham Parkway, New York, N.Y., U.S.A.
 - The New Zealand Institute for the Blind, Auckland.
 - The Canadian National Institute for the Blind, 64 Baldwin Street, Toronto.
 - The American Braille Press, 598 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y., U.S.A.
 - The Management, The New Beacon, Clifton House, Worship Street, London E.C. 2.

The American Foundation for the Overseas Blind,
14, Rue, Daru, Paris, France.

The National Inst. for the Blind, 224 Great Portland
Street, London W.I.

The Chartered Institute of Secretaries, London, E.C. 4.

The British Council, 65, Davies Street, London, W.I.

The British Information Services, Botawala Chambers,
Sir P. M. Rd., Bombay 1.

All India Radio, Bombay.

The United States Information Service of the Ameri-
can Embassy and Consulates-General in India.

The United Nations Technical Assistance Administra-
tion, Geneva and New York.

2.—For Services

To Messrs. A. F. Ferguson & Co., for Auditing Yearly
Accounts.

Messrs. Gregson Batley and King for supervision, ins-
pection and advice regarding the School Building,
whenever needed.

The Bombay Municipality for free vaccination, inno-
culation and constant help.

Bai Yamunabai Nair School for dental treatment.

Bai Jerbai Wadia Hospital for Children for admissions
and treatments.

Sir Cowasji Jehangir Ophthalmic Hospital for ocular
examinations and treatments.

K. E. M. Hospital for admissions and treatments.

Cama Hospital for admissions and treatments.

Khan Bahadur Haji Bachooali Free Ophthalmic Hos-
pital for treatments.

The City Fever Hospital for admissions and treat-
ments.

J. J. Group of Hospitals for admissions and treatments.

M/s. Nicholls & Co. for cleaning and oiling Type-
writers and free gift of ribbons on every occasion.

M/s. D. S. Ramsingh & Bros. for repairing musical
instruments at nominal costs.

The Editors of all Principal Dailies.

Shri Bhailal Modi for many valuable services.

Shri Ajay K. Basak for taking photos of children.

3.—For Gifts

The Hindusthan Vanaspati Manufacturing Co., Ltd. for one 10-lb. tin Dalda p.m.

Dr. M. Venkatrao for a basket of jalebis.

Shri & Smt. Y. A. Fazalbhoy for a basket of sweets during Diwali holidays.

Mr. Claude Batley for quantities of cakes and fruits during Christmas holidays.

Mr. & Mrs. Ross Thomas for tea and presents during Christmas holidays.

Shri Jagmohandas Jethabhai for ganthias, makka and mango juice.

Smt. Mannarani J. Bhatia for ice-cream.

Smt. Foli R. Mulla for cakes and sandwiches.

Messrs. S. C. Javeri & Co. for 40 woollen blankets.

Shri Meghji Keshavji for 10 bed sheets.

Shri Hariram Damji for 40 new woollen blankets.

Messrs. Lever Bros. (India) Limited for fruits during Christmas Holidays, and also for 1 gross lifebuoy soap.

Messrs. Tata Oil Mills Co., Ltd. for one case of washing soap.

Messrs. Swastik Oil Mills Ltd. for one case of washing soap.

Shri M. C. Panthaky for helping us with transport facilities whenever needed.

The Naigaum Grain Dealers' Association for one week's free ration.

Messrs. Firdosi & Co. for Christmas cakes.

Smt. Chandrakanta J. Mehta for a feast.

Messrs. Godrej Soap Works for 1 gross Toilet soap.

There are many more donors of gifts than the above list indicates, and the Managing Committee crave the indulgence of such donors for the omission of their names.

DADAR SCHOOL

Dr.

Receipts and Payments Account for

RECEIPTS	Rs.	a. p.	Rs.	a. p.
To Balance on 1st, April, 1952 :				
Cash on hand with Principal	399	8 0		
With the Bank of India, Ltd.	6,048	8 6		
			6,448	0 6
,, Donations and Subscriptions				16,078 13 6
,, Boarding Department :				
Maintenance allowance for Court Committed Juveniles	1,183	14 0		
Non-recurring Allowance for Maintenance of Hostel				
Boarding Fees	364	4 0		
			1,548	2 0
,, Educational Department :				
Government Grant-in-aid 1952/53	4,215	0 0		
do. do. (Special)	12,600	0 0		
Municipal Grant-in-Aid 1951/52	450	0 0		
Municipal Grant-in-aid 1951/52 (Voluntary)	2,000	0 0		
			19,265	0 0
,, Industrial Department :				
Technical Grant-in-aid				
Sales and Services	127	0 0		
			127	0 0
,, Interest : including on Investments with Blind Relief Association				451 5 0
,, School Programmes :				75 0 0
,, Refund of B. R. A. Advance : from Mr. Mr. Kuchekar				160 0 0
,, Staff Advances recoveries				125 0 0
Total Rs.				44,278 5 0

BOMBAY, 11th August, 1953.

Examined and found correct subject to our report of date.

Sd. A. F. FERGUSON & CO.
Chartered Accountants

FOR THE BLIND

the year ended 31st March, 1953.

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APPENDIX C

GRANTS-IN-AID, DONATIONS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

We acknowledge with grateful thanks, grants-in-aid, donations and subscriptions from:—

A. Trusts and charities:

			Rs.	a.	p.
1952	April	Mumbadevi Temple Trust	1,000	0	0
"	Oct.	Mumbadevi Temple Trust	500	0	0
"	May	Bassein Agar Charity Fund	250	0	0
"	June	Sir Ratan Tata Trust	600	0	0
"	July	American Women's Club of Bombay	1,500	0	0
"	Oct.	Sir Dorabji Tata Trust	1,500	0	0
"	Nov.	The Tata Mills Ltd.	500	0	0
1953	Jan.	The N. M. Wadia Charities	100	0	0
"	"	The Innominate Parsee Charities	50	0	0

B. Monthly donations:

Mrs. M. R. Solena, Mr. & Mrs. A. B. Vakil and a kind friend (Bandra)	300	0	0
Shri Shavaksha Pherozsha Dick	121	0	0
Shri G. S. Randhawa	120	0	0
A Kind Anonymous Company's Medical Officer	120	0	0
Shri P. N. Mistry & Family	190	0	0

C. Yearly subscriptions:

APRIL 1952

			Rs.	a.	p.
Messrs Mongini Ltd.	25 0 0
Smti. Sindhu R. Vaze	35 0 0
Messrs Lalbhai Kalidas & Co	10 0 0
The Bombay Grass Merchants' Association	25 0 0
A Sympathizer	1 0 0
Smti Devalibai Girdharlal	51 0 0
Messrs Pawar Brothers	50 0 0
Dr. N. S. Chowdhry (Banaras)	10 0 0
Shri Shivnarayan Gupta	5 0 0
The Industrial & Agricultural Eng. Co	50 0 0
Shri Kishand Gidwani & Chandbibi	10 0 0

MAY 1952

Blind Relief Asscn. (for clothing)	200	0	0
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JUNE 1952

					Rs.	a.	p.
Girgaum Police Court Charity Fund	50	0	0
Shri Dhanraj Cashiram Kothare	20	0	0
Bombay Mundi Bazar Kariana Assoc.	..	..	..	..	25	0	0
Shri Gordhandas Shamji Vara	..	..	..	..	10	0	0
Seth Mehman Hussan Retiwalla	..	..	..	..	20	0	0
Shri Ramzanali Kurbanali	..	..	..	..	10	0	0
Mrs. N. J. Daruwala	..	..	..	..	3	0	0

JULY 1952

Mr. Gerd Deyhle	..	..	..	..	..	500	0	0
Mrs. N. J. Daruwalla	..	..	..	..	..	3	0	0
Mrs. K. P. Clubwalla	..	..	..	..	..	5	0	0
Box Collection at Messrs. Firdosi & Co	..	..	..	..	..	11	11	0
Mrs. Goolbai F. Nagporwalla	..	..	..	..	..	26	0	0
Shri Trimbak S. Deshmukh	..	..	..	..	..	5	0	0
Smti Meherbanoo Khodadad	..	..	..	..	..	10	0	0
Messrs B. F. Davar & Co..	..	..	..	..	..	10	0	0
Shri Rustom K. Unwalla	..	..	..	..	..	25	0	0
Shri Abdulla B. Peermohomed	..	..	..	..	..	10	0	0
Smti Shirinbai Hossainbhai	..	..	..	..	..	10	0	0
Shri S. L. Banaji	..	..	..	..	..	25	0	0
Mrs. Shirinbai R. Paymaster	..	..	..	..	..	10	0	0
Messrs Kodak Ltd.	..	..	..	..	..	15	0	0
Shri Madhavdas (through B. R. A.)	..	..	..	..	..	5	0	0
Shri S. K. Rane	..	..	..	..	..	11	0	0
Smt. Vimabai Rukmabai (Dinkar's Aunt)	..	..	..	..	..	15	0	0
Shri Bhagwandas Chopra	..	..	..	..	..	10	0	0

AUGUST 1952

Messrs. Ahmed A. Fazalbhai Ltd.	..	..	..	..	..	50	0	0
Shri Naorosji Rattanji Vazifdar	..	..	..	..	..	100	0	0
The Burma-Shell Oil Storage & Distributing Co. of India Ltd.	..	..	..	..	..	25	0	0
Shri P. J. Chichgar	..	..	..	..	..	10	0	0
Shri C. S. Khajotia	..	..	..	..	..	5	0	0
The Corn Products Co. (India), Ltd.	..	..	..	..	..	10	0	0
Shri J. K. Bose	..	..	..	..	..	5	0	0
Shri Anandrao S. Belekar	..	..	..	..	..	10	0	0
Shri Manchershaw P. Sethna	..	..	..	..	..	50	0	0
Messrs. Pirojshaw Jeejeebhai Vasania & Sons	..	..	..	..	..	51	0	0
The Ciba Dyes Ltd.	..	..	..	..	..	25	0	0
Shri Virji Karsan Nanda	..	..	..	..	..	5	0	0
Messrs. Govindji Madhavji & Co.	..	..	..	..	..	10	0	0
Shri Babulal Vishram Tank	..	..	..	..	..	25	0	0
Shri Natvarlal M. Shah	..	..	..	..	..	51	0	0
Shri Sorab E. Dastoor	..	..	..	..	..	10	0	0

							Rs.	a.	p.
Smti Frenny Dastoor	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	0	0
Shri Fulchand Manekchand Shah	..	..	..	..	..	..	100	0	0
Shri Himatlal V. Gandhi	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	0	0
Shri Mulji D. Shah	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	0	0
Kumari Hema & Usha Dandekar	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	0	0
Mrs. Vijayaben N. Mehta	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	0	0
Mrs. Parvatibai Sarwate	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	0	0
Shri D. S. Sathe	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	0	0
The Supreme Cleaners (Washing Co.)	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	0	0
Shri Pranjiwandas Shamjibhai	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	0	0
Shri N. S. Chowdhury	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	0	0

SEPTEMBER 1952

OCTOBER 1952

					Rs.	a.	p.
The Sassoon Welfare Trust	..	..	..	..	25	0	0
The Patel Cotton Co. Ltd.	..	..	..	..	25	0	0
Shri A. K. Irani (National Stores)	..	..	..	..	21	0	0
General Electric Co. of India Ltd.	..	..	..	..	20	0	0
Messrs. Brandon & Co.	..	..	..	..	10	0	0
Shri P. D. Prabhoo	..	..	..	..	10	0	0
Shri Gunvant V. Kapadia	..	..	..	..	10	0	0
Messrs. Lever Bros. (India), Ltd.	..	..	..	..	25	0	0
The Central Bank of India Ltd.	..	..	..	..	100	0	0
Shri K. J. Dastoor	..	..	..	..	25	0	0
Messrs Turner Hoare & Co., Ltd.	..	..	..	..	25	0	0
Messrs Park Davis & Co., Ltd.	..	..	..	..	10	0	0
Shri Khan Bahadoor Bhiwandiwalla	..	..	..	..	25	0	0
Shri Tehemuras Doongaji Memorial Committee	..	..	..	..	100	0	0
The Vicas Mandal Rangoli Exhibition Collection	..	..	..	..	43	0	0
Box Collection at Bhayandar	..	..	..	..	19	1	0
Bombay Cycle & Motor Agency Ltd.	..	..	..	..	10	0	0
Sundry Collection at Modern Times Rest	..	..	..	..	10	4	0
Mrs. Simabai D. Talkar	..	..	..	..	10	0	0

NOVEMBER 1952

The Bombay Provision Merchants Association	..	..	11	0	0	
A. Sympathiser	..	..	12	0	0	
Mrs. Rieta Phillips (U.S.A.)	..	..	(Dollars)	10	0	0
Shri Pravinchandra V. Gandhi	..	..	..	25	0	0
The Glaxo Laboratories (India) Ltd.	..	..	..	10	0	0
Mr. Martin Russell	..	..	..	10	0	0
The Great Western Stores	..	..	..	10	0	0
Mrs. Anna Racek	..	..	..	20	0	0
Mrs. A. K. Antia	..	..	..	30	0	0
Bombay Sugar Merchants Association	..	..	..	25	0	0
The Native Share & Stock Brokers Association	..	..	101	0	0	
Mrs. S. K. Thomas	..	..	..	10	0	0
Shri S. R. Bangia	..	..	..	20	0	0
The Precious Electric Co.	..	..	..	5	0	0
Shri S. K. Rakshit	..	..	..	20	0	0
The Crown Spinning & Mfg. Co., Ltd.	..	..	..	101	0	0
Mrs. K. N. Jussawalla	..	..	..	11	0	0
The New Zealand Institute for Blind (thru' the Consulate)	..	..	50	9	0	
Students of Gujarati Hindu Stree Mandal	..	..	..	25	9	0
Shri G. G. Lala	..	..	..	10	0	0
Shri H. M. Mulla & M. L. Rajadhyaksha	..	..	..	60	0	0
Mrs. & Mrs. S. N. Mukerji	..	..	..	30	0	0
Mrs. Mamtabai Krishnaji	..	..	..	50	0	0
Mrs. Rajarani	..	..	..	10	0	0
Shri Bhagwandas Chopra	..	..	..	10	0	0

DECEMBER 1952

Rs. a. p.

Smti. Sundrabai Patel	..	..	..	..	..	10	0	0
Shri M. R. Patel	..	..	..	..	..	100	0	0
St. Anne's High School	..	..	..	..	..	31	0	0
Messrs Whitaway Laidlaw & Co.	..	..	..	..	..	20	0	0
The Most Reverend Archbishop of Bombay	..	..	..	..	..	25	0	0
Rev. Fr. C. Fernandez	..	..	..	..	..	2	0	0
Shri Mohanlal Maganlal	..	..	..	..	..	25	0	0
Shishu Vicas Mandir School	..	..	..	..	..	5	0	0
The New Premier Film Ltd.	..	..	..	..	..	25	0	0
Shri Khurshed M. Thanawalla	..	..	..	..	..	25	0	0
The Comptoir National De Paris	..	..	..	..	..	25	0	0
Mrs. Divalibai	..	..	..	..	..	5	0	0
Miss Sarah John (Y.W.C.A.)	..	..	..	..	..	17	0	0
A kind anonymous donor	..	..	..	..	..	285	4	0
A Sympathiser	..	..	..	..	..	5	0	0

JANUARY 1953

Shri Bhagwandas Chopra	..	..	..	..	..	5	0	0
Smti Mumtabai Krishnaji	..	..	..	..	..	50	0	0
Sister Anny of All Saints' Convent	..	..	..	..	..	5	0	0
Shri Shivram B. Shivgaonker	..	..	..	..	..	5	0	0
Shri A. Balekar	..	..	..	..	..	10	0	0

FEBRUARY 1953

Shri Bhagwandas Chopra	..	..	..	..	..	5	0	0
Smti. Rajarani	..	..	..	..	..	10	0	0
Mr. R. E. Ami	..	..	..	..	..	50	0	0
The Lodge Bharat	..	..	..	..	..	25	0	0
The Marsden Spinning & Mfg. Co., Ltd.	..	..	..	..	..	50	0	0
Messrs. Monogram Mills Co., Ltd.	..	..	..	..	..	50	0	0
Messrs India' Hosiery Factory	..	..	..	..	..	9	4	0
Some Unknown Sympathiser	..	..	..	..	..	51	0	0
The Bombay Women's Club	..	..	..	..	..	100	0	0

MARCH 1953

Mrs. Indra P. Vaswani	..	..	..	..	..	50	0	0
The Western India Paper & Board Mills Ltd.	..	..	..	..	..	25	0	0
Mr. B. Johnson	..	..	..	..	..	10	0	0
Mrs. Ami Antia	..	..	..	..	..	15	0	0
Mr. K. S. Guard	..	..	..	..	..	5	0	0
Mr. M. N. Chhatrapati	..	..	..	..	..	20	0	0
Mr. J. D. Daruwalla	..	..	..	..	..	10	0	0
Smti Lilawati Fulchand Shah	..	..	..	..	..	100	0	0
Mr. Balaram Ajihya	..	..	..	..	..	25	0	0
Shri Bhagwandas Chopra	..	..	..	..	..	5	0	0

AN APPEAL

Friends,

No affliction is worse than permanent blindness, and no cause worthy of greater sympathy and support. In helping us, you only help the Blind.

The Dadar School for the Blind, founded in 1900, is the first of its kind in the State. It is also the one Institution for Blind Girls. It is open to children of all communities, both boys and girls below 10. But our objective is to convert it progressively into a Girls' School, in which infant boys will be trained up to the Kindergarten standard only.

We receive grants-in-aid from the Government and the Municipality, alright; but these being inadequate, we have always to depend on the public-minded people for financial assistance. To spare us this constant worry, a PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND of Rs. 2,50,000 is badly needed. And this means we need only 1,000 charitably-disposed persons to come forward with donations of Rs. 250 each.

Will you not volunteer to raise and/or to contribute to this Fund? Will you not help us to help the Cause of the Blind?

Yours sincerely,
CHAMPAKLAL G. MODI,
S. R. POTNIS,
SUDHA BHANDARKAR,
Hony. Secretaries.

Help

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND

&
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OF
The 2,000,000 Blind in India
&

TO PREVENT PREVENTABLE & TO CURE CURABLE
BLINDNESS

IF YOU ARE AN EMPLOYER AND
WANT TO ENCOURAGE THE EMPLOYMENT
OF THE BLIND AS PACKERS ETC.

Please Consult :

Lt. G. L. Nardekar,

Secretary, Employment & Placement.

**THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND,
D. D. Chawl No. 52, Worli.**

IF YOU ARE MAKING A WILL OR DESIRE TO
PERPETUATE THE MEMORY OF A DEAR ONE

Please Consult :

Mr. K. N. K. Jussawala, B.A., BT., UNO Fellow,

SECY., NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND,
C/o The Victoria Memorial School for the Blind,
Tardeo, Bombay-7.

HELP THE NAB TO HELP & SERVE THE BLIND
THANK YOU.